

## Additional Payments to Support Households

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### What is the stimulus/Relief?

The Federal Government is providing two \$750 payments to welfare recipients, including lower income Australians, pensioners, other social security and veteran income support recipients and eligible concession card holders.

The first \$750 payment will be paid from 31 March 2020. The second \$750 payment will be paid from 13 July 2020. The second payment will not be made to those eligible for the Coronavirus supplement.

### What is the aim of the measure?

The payments to households measure is part of the Federal Government's commitment to provide assistance to those effected by Coronavirus.

Around half of those that benefit are Pensioners. The payment will help to support confidence and domestic demand in the economy.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the first \$750 payment, you must be an Australian resident and be receiving one of the following payments, or hold one of the following concession cards at any time between 12 March 2020 and 13 April 2020 –

• Age Pension	• Partner Allowance
• Disability Support Pension	• Sickness Allowance
• Carer Payment	• Special Benefit
• Parenting Payment	• Widow Allowance
• Wife Pension	• Family Tax Benefit, including Double Orphan Pension
• Widow B Pension	• Carer Allowance
• ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	• Pensioner Concession Card holders
• Austudy	• Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders
• Bereavement Allowance	• Veteran Payments, Including War Widow Payments
• Newstart Allowance	• Disability Pensions & Associated DVA Payments
• JobSeeker Payment	• Veteran Gold Card holders
• Youth Allowance	• Farm Household Allowance

To be eligible for the second \$750 payment, on 10 July 2020 you must be an Australian resident, and must be receiving one of the payments mentioned above, or holding one of the concession cards mentioned above.

Income support recipients that are eligible for the Coronavirus supplement may receive the first \$750 payment, but are not eligible to receive the second \$750 payment.

### **How do I get it?**

The \$750 payment will be paid automatically by Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Where a claim is lodged for one of the eligible payments or concession cards at any time between 12 March 2020 to 13 April 2020 and the claim is subsequently granted, payment will be made.

Further information can be found:

[https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact\\_sheet-Assistance\\_for\\_households.pdf](https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Assistance_for_households.pdf)

### **Closing comment**

The Federal Government is moving quickly, and things are changing daily with regards to the response to COVID-19. Should you have any queries regarding this measure, or any Government measure announced in relation to COVID-19, please contact your Brentnalls Tax Specialist.

### **Examples**

#### **First and Second Payment**

Kate and Angus are a couple and are both Age Pension recipients as at 12 March 2020. Kate and Angus will each receive \$750, so their household will receive \$1,500 in total. Payments to Kate and Angus will be made automatically from 31 March 2020.

As Kate and Angus remain both a couple and Age Pension recipients on 10 July 2020, they will each be eligible for a further \$750 as part of the second payment, so their household will receive \$1,500 in total for the second payment.

This will bring the total payment to their household to \$3,000, from the first and second payments.

#### **Interaction between Coronavirus Supplement and Second Payment**

Leanne is a single parent JobSeeker Payment recipient on 10 July 2020, receiving single, with dependent child, rate of \$612 per fortnight, a further \$9.50 per fortnight for the Energy Supplement and an additional \$550 per fortnight Coronavirus supplement.

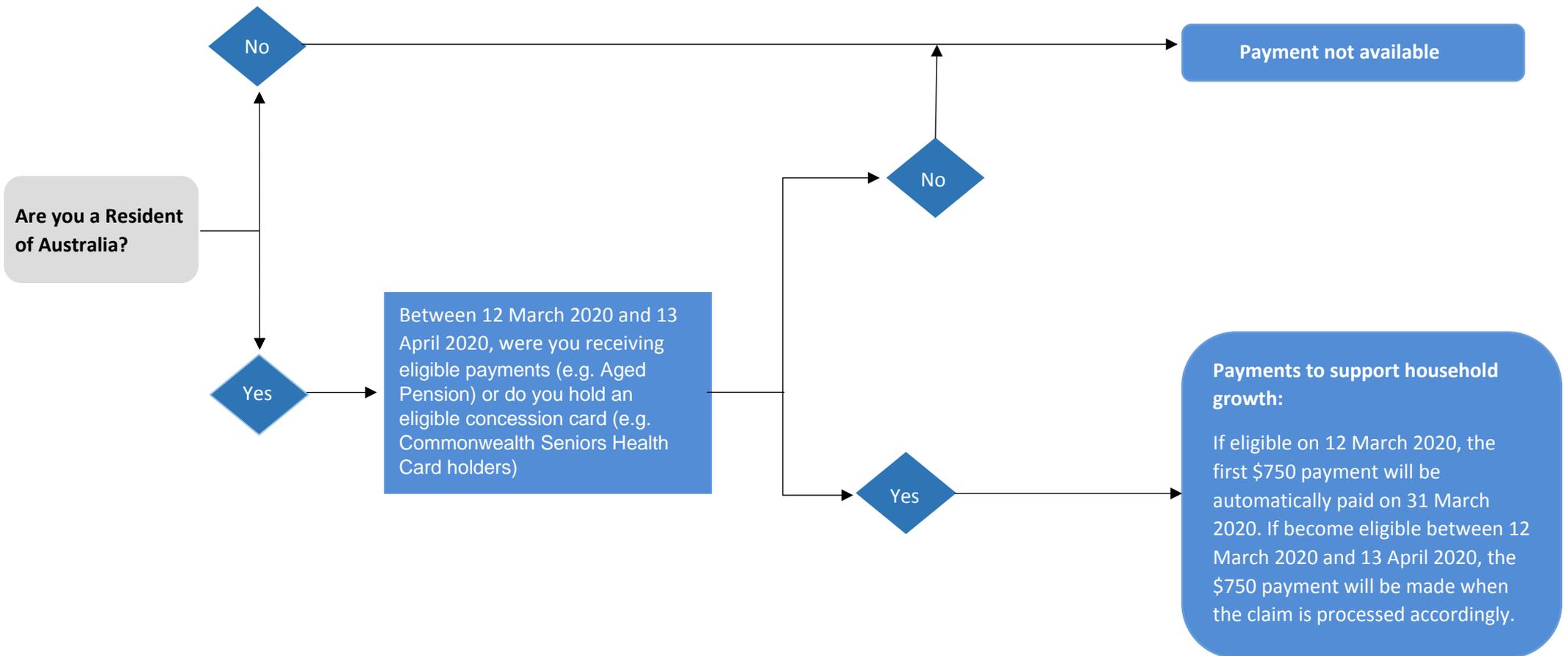
This brings Leanne's fortnightly income support payment to \$1,171.50.

Leanne was in receipt of the Jobseeker Payment on 30 March, so she was eligible for the first \$750 payment.

As Leanne already receives the \$550 per fortnight Coronavirus supplement, she will not be eligible for the second \$750 payment.

# COVID 19 Stimulus Package measures

Payments to households – First \$750 Payment



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## Income Support for Individuals – Second \$750 Payment

